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To modify the boundaries of Carlsbad Caverns National Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Capitan Reef Manage-
5 ment Consolidation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. BOUNDARIES OF CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL**
7 **PARK.**

8 (a) MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES.—The bound-
9 aries of Carlsbad Caverns National Park are hereby modi-
10 fied to include approximately 24,850 acres of the Capitan

1 Reef escarpment in the State of New Mexico, as generally
2 depicted on the map entitled “Carlsbad Caverns Boundary
3 Expansion”, numbered CACA 80,052, and dated Feb-
4 ruary 1993. Lands and interests in lands (including caves)
5 within the boundaries of the Carlsbad Caverns National
6 Park, as modified by this subsection, which are adminis-
7 tered by the Bureau of Land Management and the United
8 States Forest Service are hereby transferred to the admin-
9 istrative jurisdiction of the National Park Service and
10 shall be administered as part of the park. Nothing in this
11 Act shall be construed to prohibit public recreation, in-
12 cluding horseback riding, hiking, and camping.

13 (b) PUBLICATION AND FILING.—As soon as possible
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act but not later
15 than 6 months, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish
16 in the Federal Register a notice containing the legal de-
17 scription of the lands added to Carlsbad Caverns National
18 Park by subsection (a) and shall file such legal description
19 and a detailed map of the lands referred to in such sub-
20 section with the Committee on Natural Resources of the
21 House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy
22 and Natural Resources of the Senate.

23 (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—The map and legal
24 description referred to in subsection (b) shall have the
25 same force and effect as if they were included in this Act

1 except that the Secretary of the Interior may correct clerical and typographical errors in such map and legal description.

4 (d) PUBLIC INSPECTION.—Copies of the map and legal description referred to in subsection (b) shall be available for public inspection in the offices of the Director, and of the Director of the Southwest Region, of the National Park Service.

9 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION OF CERTAIN LAWS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, lands within the area included within the Carlsbad Caverns National Park pursuant to section 2 are withdrawn from disposition under the public land laws and from all forms of entry or appropriation under the mining laws of the United States, from the operation of the mineral leasing laws of the United States, and from operation of the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970.

18 (b) MANAGEMENT OF EXISTING LEASES.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), any person authorized, under a permit or lease in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, to carry out grazing on lands included within the Carlsbad Caverns National Park pursuant to section 2 may continue such operations pursuant to such permit or lease until the expiration of the term of the permit or lease concerned plus one period of renewal thereafter.

1 **SEC. 4. TRAIL EASEMENT.**

2 The Secretary is authorized to acquire an easement
3 to provide trail access from the Rattlesnake Springs Unit
4 of the National Park System to the Carlsbad Caverns Na-
5 tional Park, as generally depicted on the map referred to
6 in section 2, except that no such easement may be ac-
7 quired without the consent of the owner thereof.

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